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To Our Guests and Visitors

We *welcome* all our friends in Christ who have come to worship with us. If you are a guest, please feel at home with us, sign our guest register, and worship with us whenever you are able. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our church family.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 18, 2015

*Upon entering the Sanctuary, please **turn off** cell phones, pagers, etc. Use the time as a quiet time for personal reflection and meditation in preparation for worship. This is a time for anyone to join in praying for the service, and for the church in general.*

Welcome

Opening Hymn "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB 655

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
 Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
 C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
 C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit (See bulletin insert)

Kyrie

P Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above,
 You abound in gracious love,
 Of all things the maker and preserver.

C **Eleison! Eleison!**

P Kyrie! O Christ, our King.
 Salvation for all You came to bring.
 O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, our mediator at the heav'nly throne:
 Hear our cry and grant our supplication.

C **Eleison! Eleison!**

P Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,
 Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,
 And bless our life's last hour,
 That we leave this sinful world with gladness.

C **Eleison! Eleison!**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 948

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day is spoken

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Revelation 14:6-7

P This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Romans 3:19-28

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation rises for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Holy Gospel John 8:31-36
P The Holy Gospel according to St John, the 8th chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel is read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles Creed **LSB 953**

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn "O Word of God Incarnate" **LSB 523**

Sermon

Offering

Prayers

P We give thanks for the gifts God gives us, gifts we can give to others for the sake of the Gospel. Hear us, O God,
C **Your mercy is great.**

P We give thanks that Jesus' crucifixion, death and resurrection give to the Church the space and power to reform when it wanders away from the Word. Hear us, O God,
C **Your mercy is great.**

P We give thanks for the joys of life that reveal God's Word at work. Hear us, O God,
C **Your mercy is great.**

P We ask that the Holy Spirit would remind us of Jesus' promise when we encounter places of suffering and pain in the world. Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We lift before you all those people and things that are on our hearts. *(A time of silence for personal prayer is observed.)*
Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Lord, move us always by your Word to give thanks and praise to You for Your great love, which endures forever.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen**

Benediction

Closing Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" **LSB 656**